

News Release



BASF expands production capacities for Laromer® UV/EB acrylates in Europe

- **Investment due to rising demand for high-quality UV/EB acrylates**
- **Additional capacities available as of the 3rd quarter of 2016**

BASF is extending its existing production facilities for Laromer® UV/EB acrylates, which are part of BASF's C3-Verbund system, at its Ludwigshafen site in Germany. By significantly increasing its production capacities, BASF is responding to the rising demand for high-quality UV/EB acrylates and strengthening its position as one of the world's leading manufacturers of UV/EB resins used as binders for energy-curable coatings and inks. The additional capacities will be available as of the 3rd quarter of 2016.

"We have experienced a considerable increase in global demand for our high-quality UV/EB acrylates over the last few years. This investment is our response to rising demand. The additional capacities will help us increase our supply reliability and show our commitment to provide customers with high-quality UV/EB acrylates," says Ulf Neidlein, Vice President, who is responsible for BASF's resin and additive business in Europe.

UV/EB-curable acrylates are one of BASF's pillars of growth. In response to the demand, BASF began setting up additional capacities at its site in Meaux, France early in 2014.

Customers use Laromer® resins as binders to formulate coatings for

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furniture and flooring, inks and overprint varnishes as well as coatings for plastics and metal substrates. In addition, BASF offers a broad portfolio of complementary resins such as polyisocyanates, dispersions and additives.

About BASF's Dispersions & Pigments division

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